I THOUGHT YOU WANTED ME TO FIND MY "OWN CAUSE"

I NEVER SAID
I WOULDN'T DO MY
BEST TO CONVINCE
YOU TO JOIN
MINE.

BESIDES...
AREN'T YOU
EAGER FOR SOME
ANSWERS?

ROOM of
SWORDS

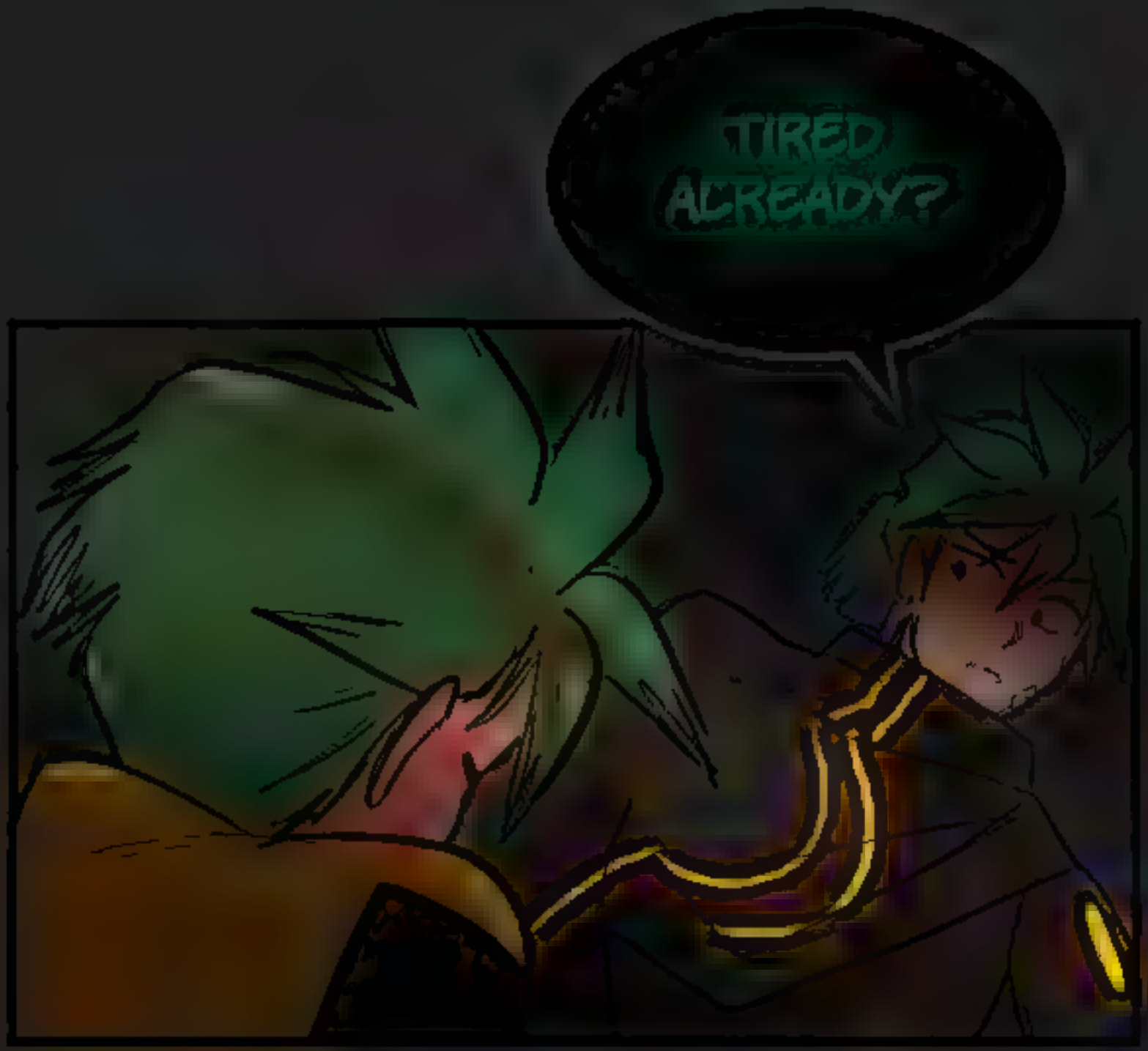
CHAPTER 56

"IS IT TOO LATE TO CROSS THE LINE?"

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS IN THIS PLACE.

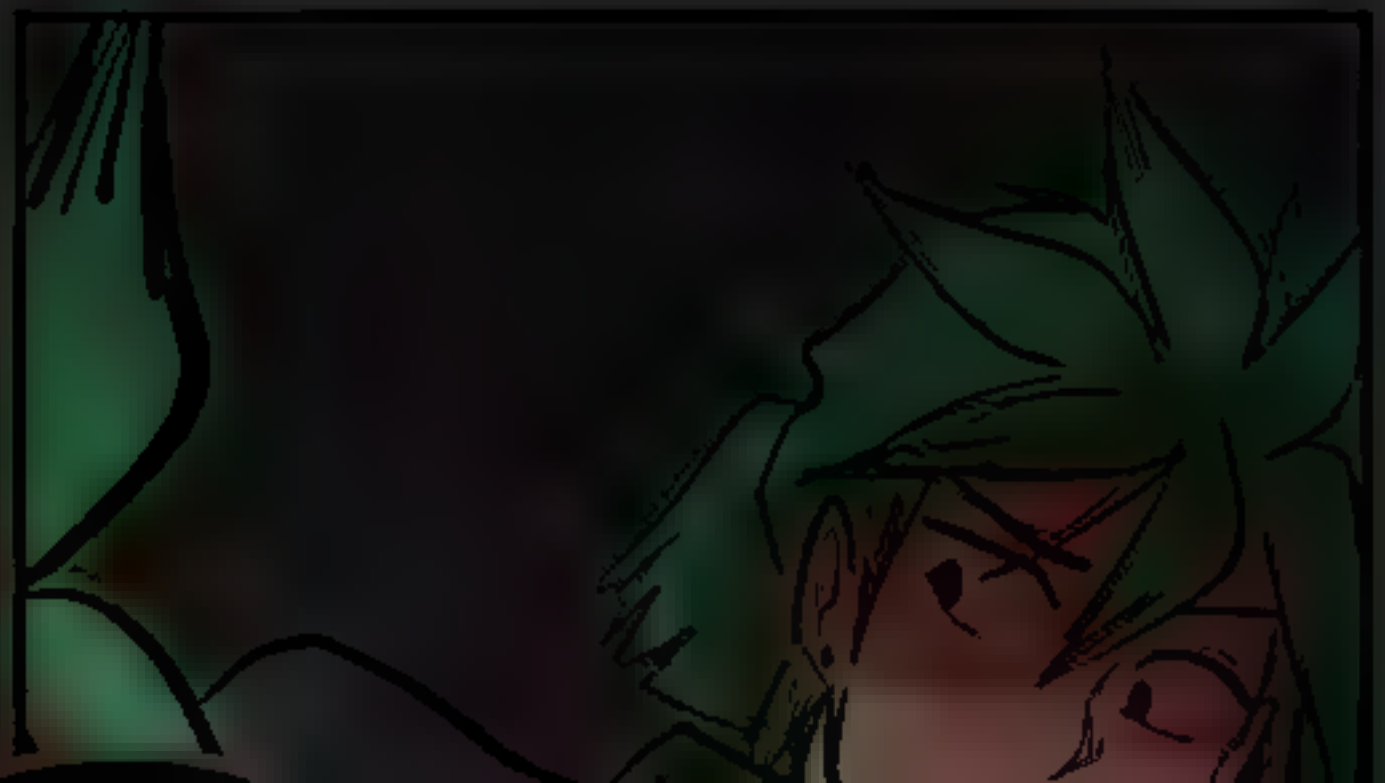
YOU
JUST NEED TO
ASK THE RIGHT
QUESTIONS.

THUNK


TIRED ALREADY?

IT'S A LOT... TO TAKE IN.

ALL I WANT IS TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON ME...
I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.

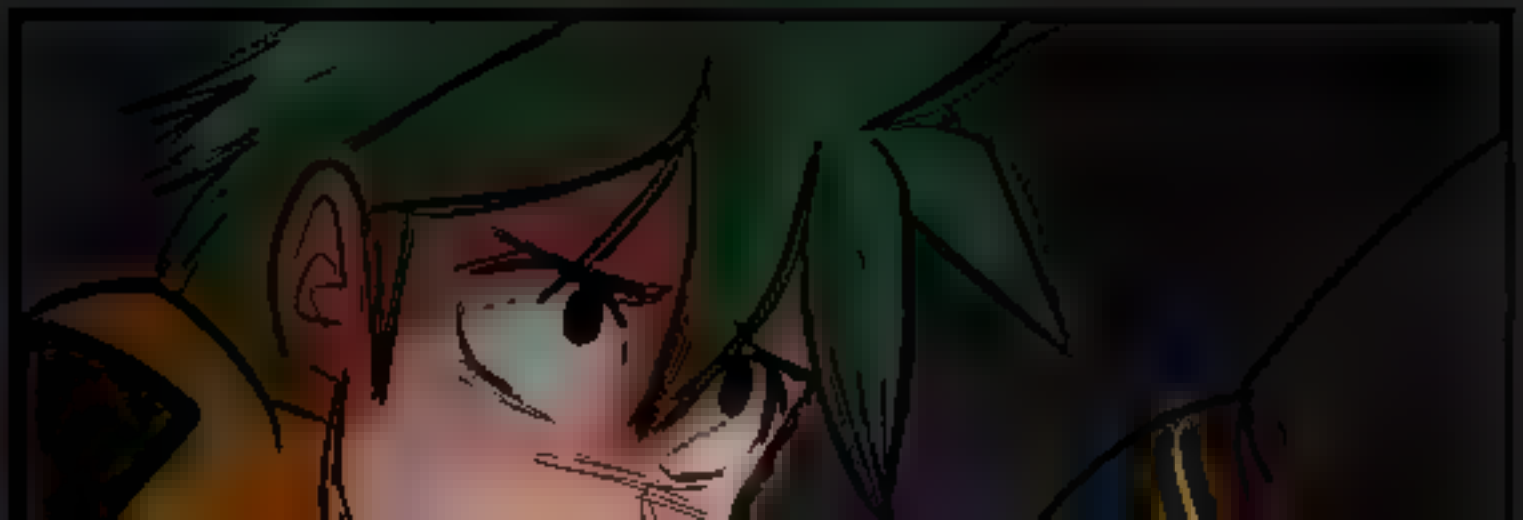


I'M SORRY...
I KNOW I'VE LEFT AN ENORMOUS BURDEN ON YOU

(ACL I'M OFFERING IS INFORMATION...

WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR CHOICE.

IS IT, THOUGH? EVEN MY MEMORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED...



DO I HAVE MY OWN IDENTITY ANYMORE?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT WAS REAL?
IS THE SHIP ALL THAT'S LEFT?

AND WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN DON?

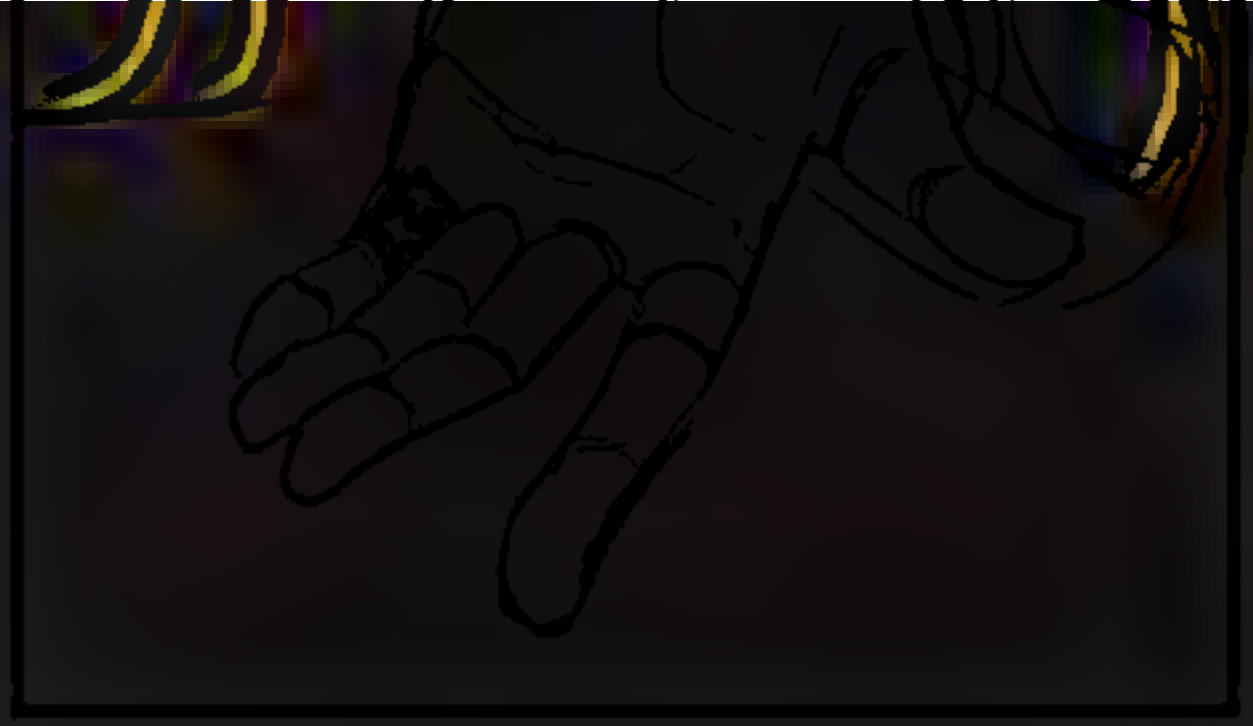
TWO!!:

OPEN

WHAT'S IN THERE?

THE
ANSWER TO YOUR
QUESTION.

GO AND SEE.
I'LL BE WAITING HERE WHEN YOU RETURN.



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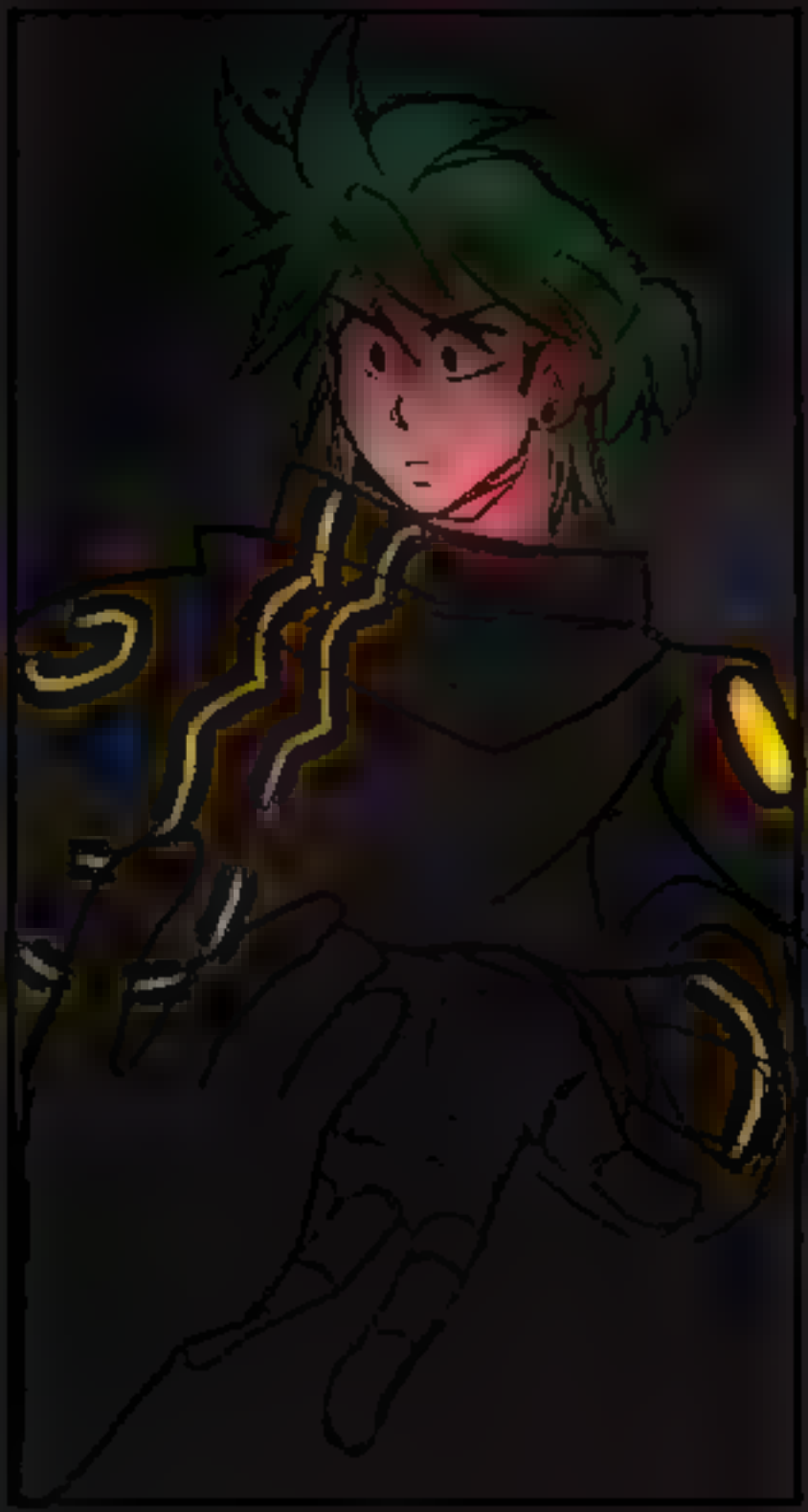

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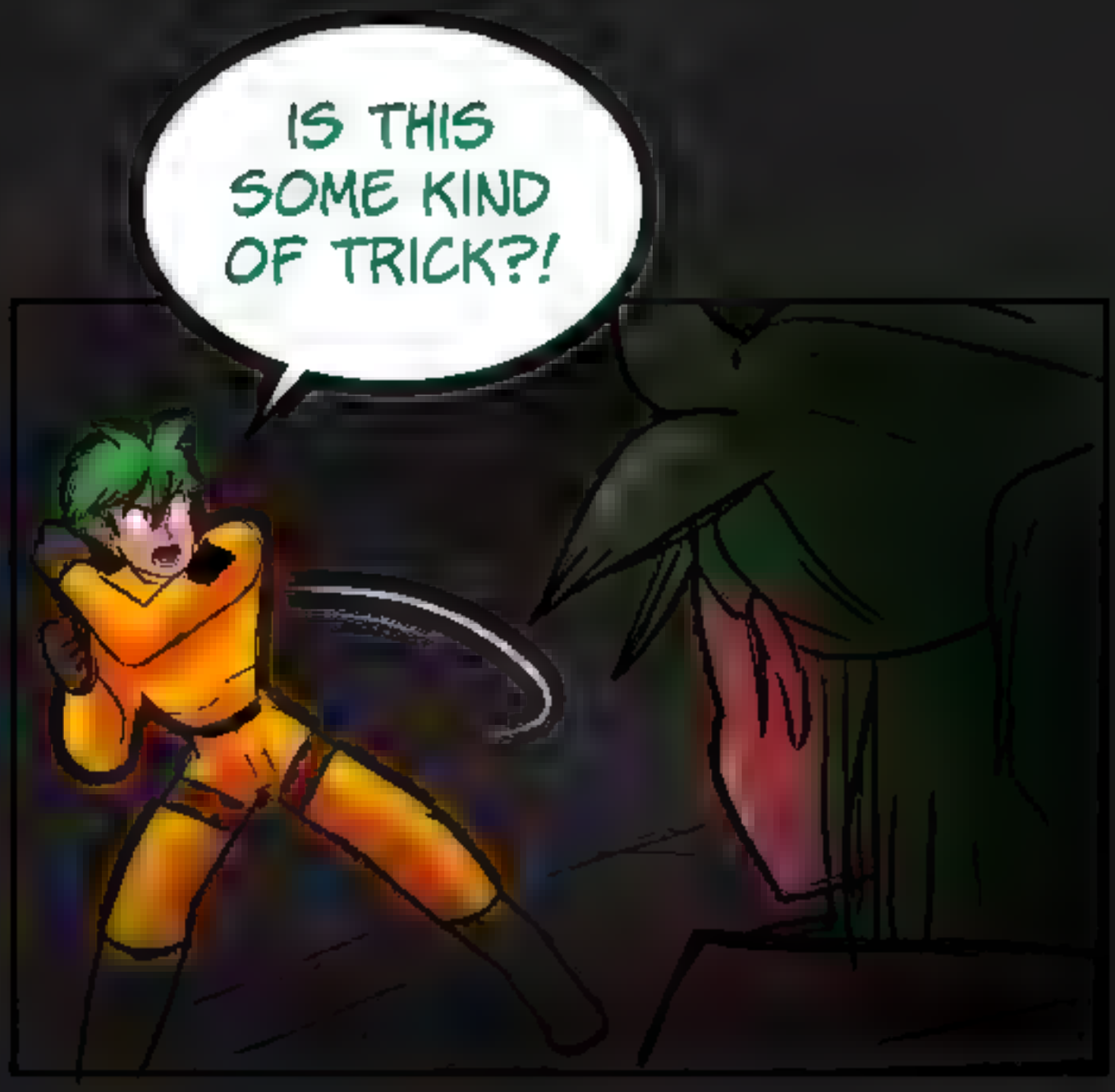
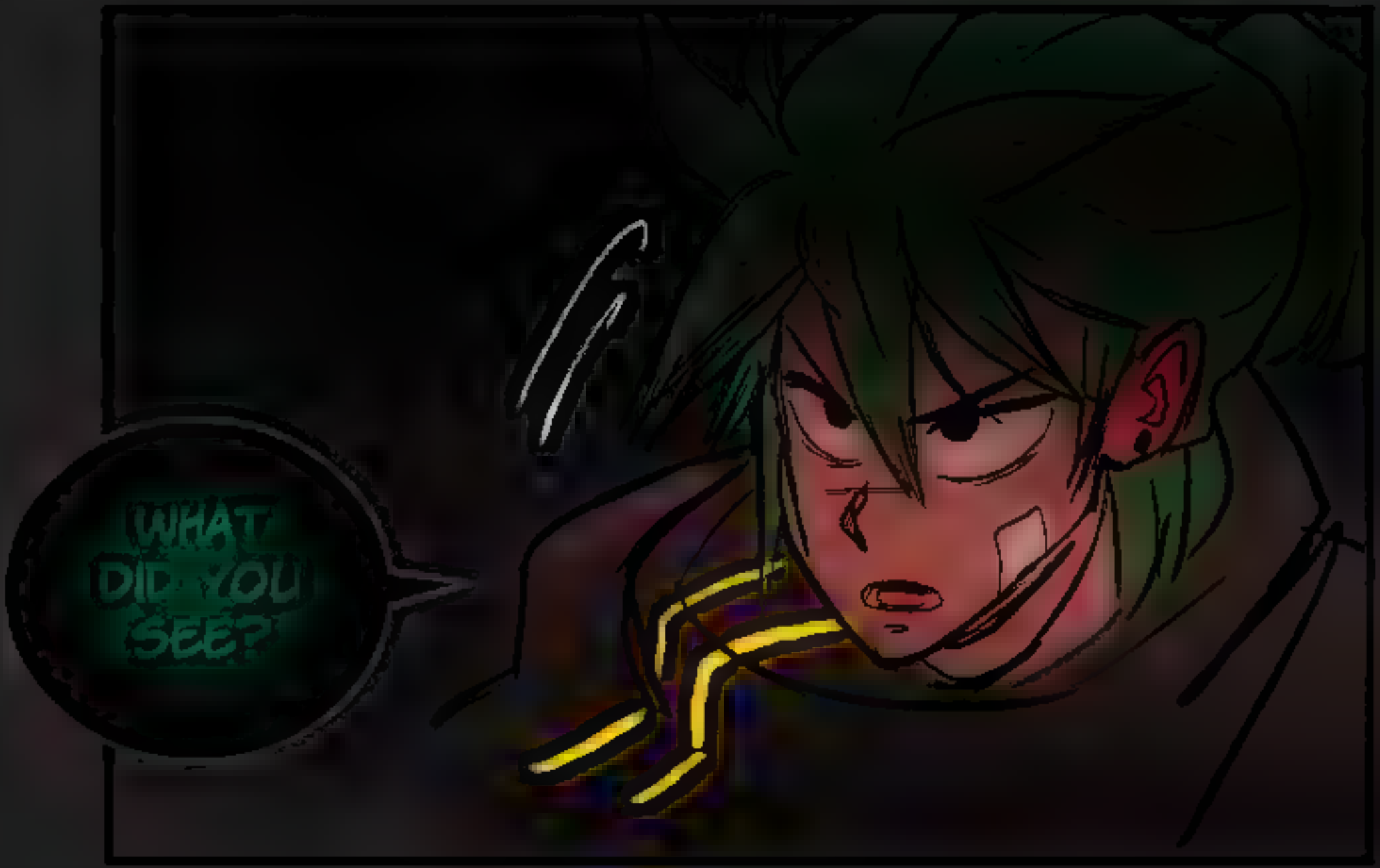
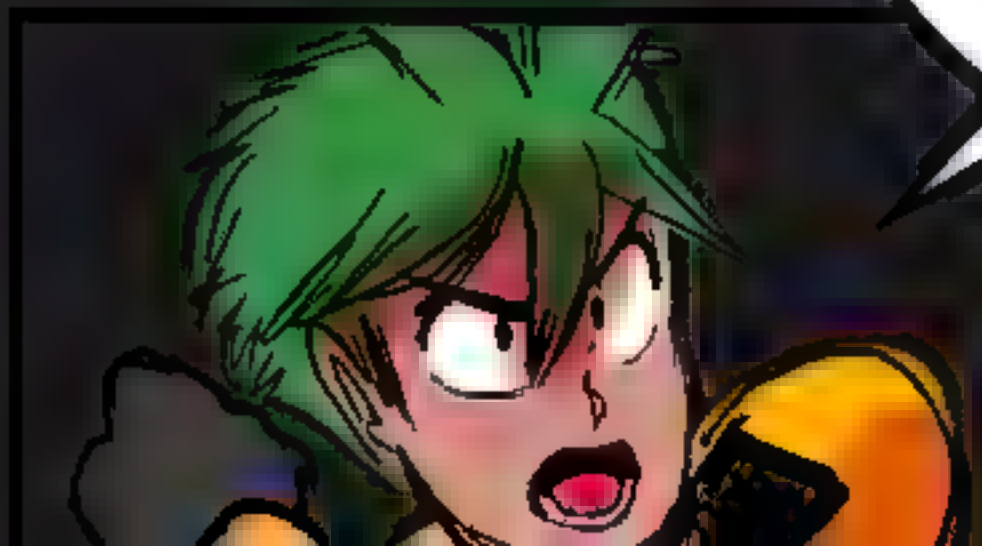

IS THIS SOME KIND OF TRICK?!


WHAT DID YOU SEE?



YOU-- YOU TURNED INTO ONE OF THOSE *THINGS!*

IF THIS IS THE "CAUSE" YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT!
SIGH

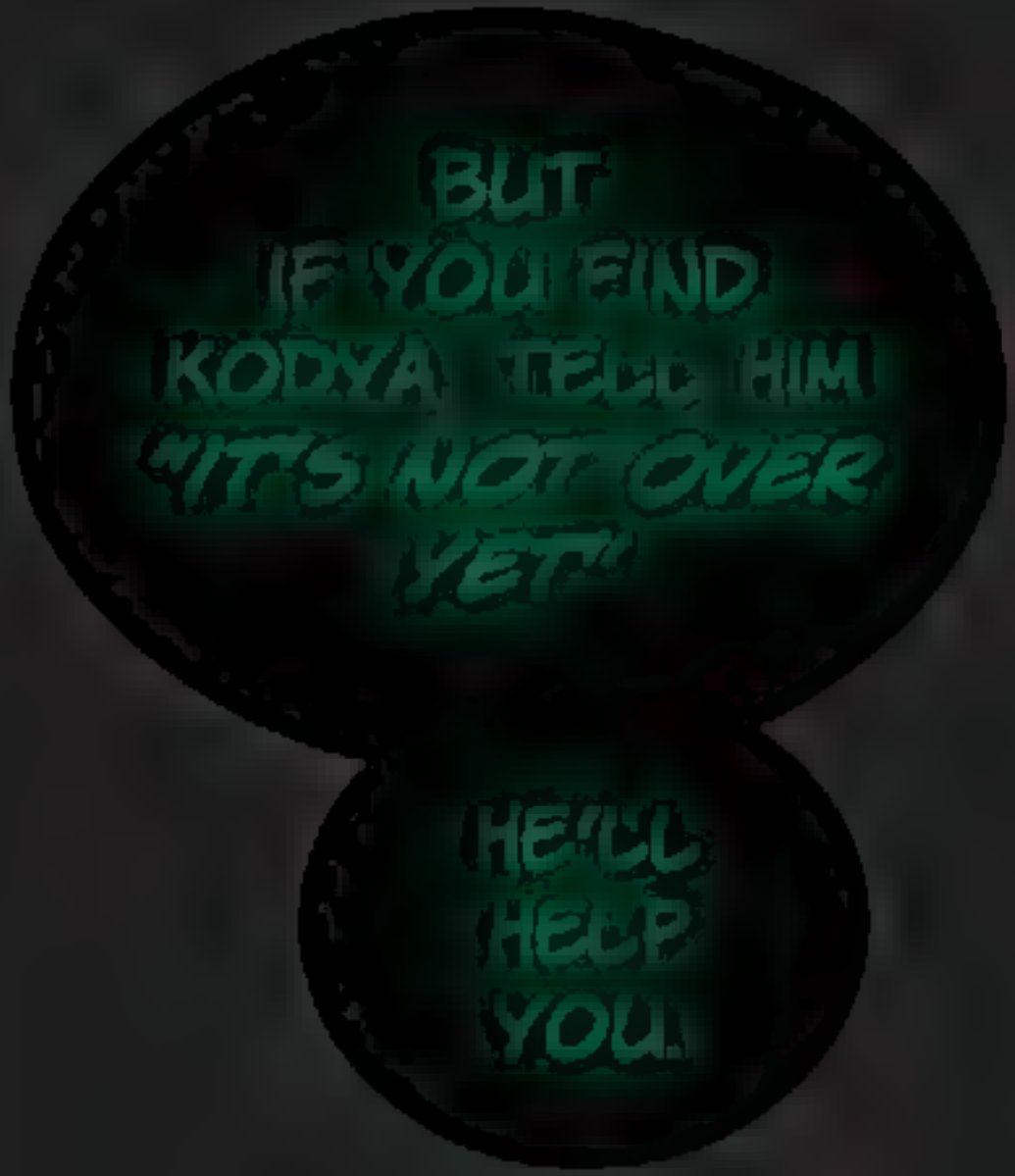
YOU'RE MORE PERCEPTIVE THAN I REMEMBER BEING AT YOUR AGE.
SOMEONE'S BEEN TRAINING YOU WELL.

I WASN'T PLANNING ON SHOWING YOU THAT YET

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND... SOME THINGS CAN'T BE RUSHED.
COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE READY.

(AND
DON'T TELL
ANYONE WHAT
YOU SAW...
I DON'T
KNOW WHO'S
STILL ON YOUR
SIDE OUT
THERE...

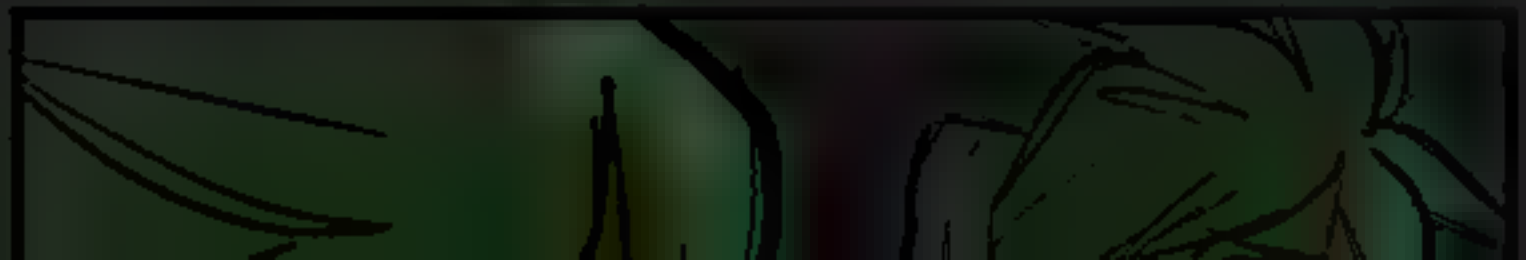
TAK


BUT
IF YOU FIND
KODYA TELL HIM
"IT'S NOT OVER
YET"
HE'LL
HELP
YOU.

I CAN'T!
TAK
TAK

KODYA
IS DEAD!

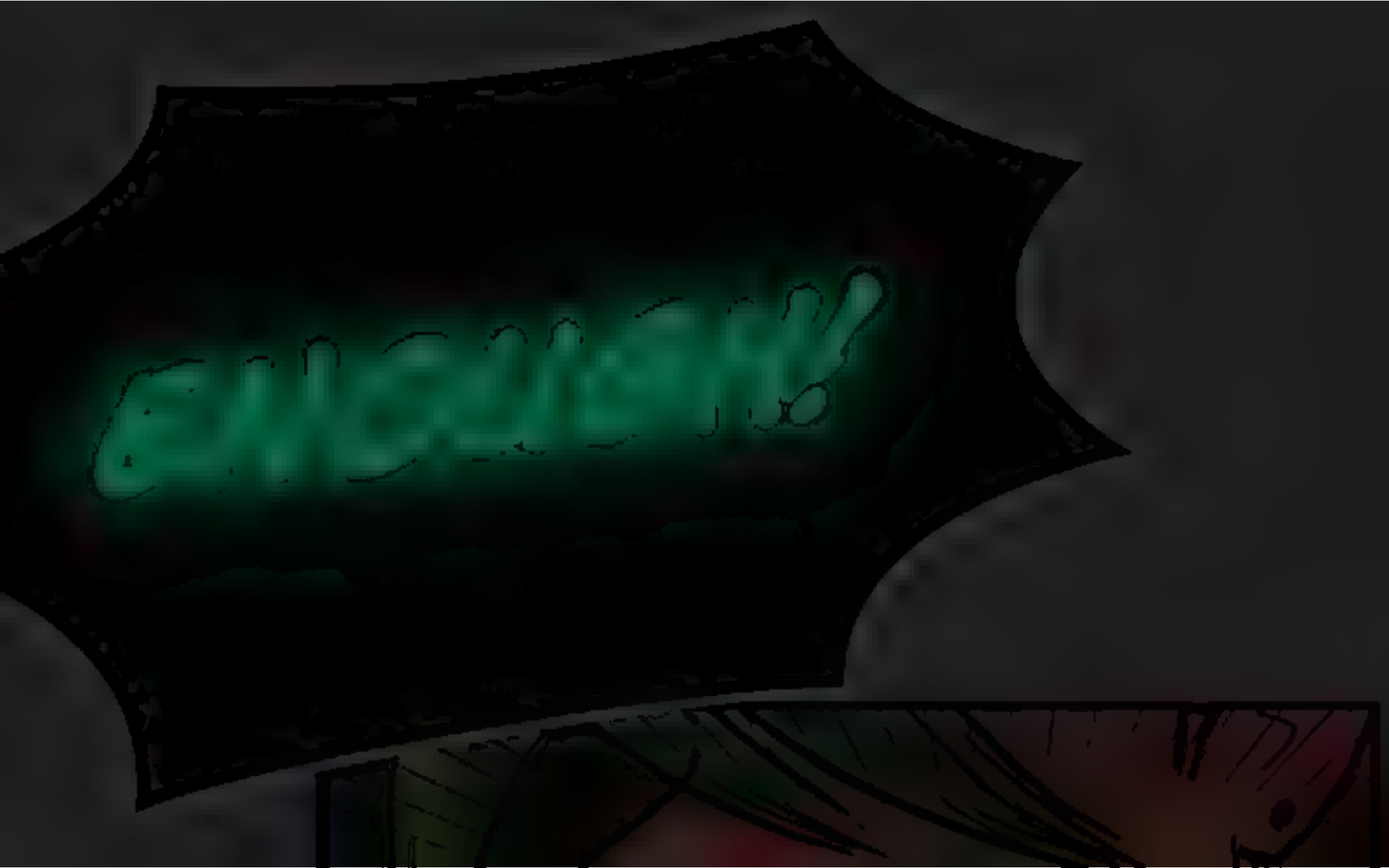
I KNOW,
YOU MADE HIM
MAKE SOME PROMISE
TO HELP ME
RIGHT?



WELL
HE *DIED*
HELPING ME AND
THE SHADOWS
GOT HIM!

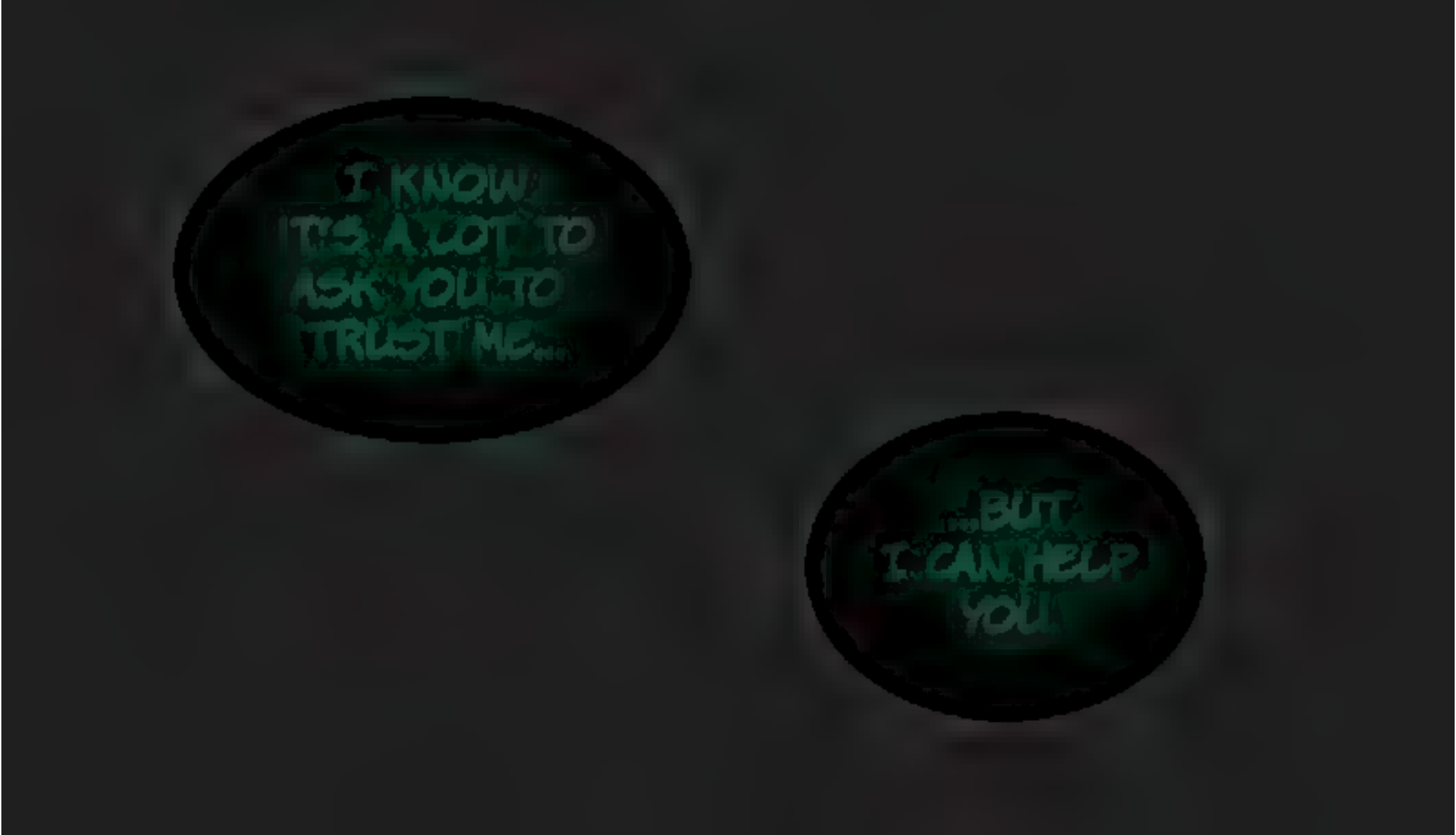
AND PRETTY SOON, WE'LL ALL SHARE THE SAME FATE BECAUSE WE'RE STUCK IN THE SHADOW HOUR, THE SHADOW ARMY HAS HALF OF THE BOSS SWORD AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO GET IT BACK!

AND NOW
I'M FINDING OUT
THAT THE PAST VERSION
OF MYSELF WAS SOMEHOW
INVOLVED WITH THOSE
MONSTERS?
IS THIS
WHAT YOU PLANNED
ALL ALONG?!

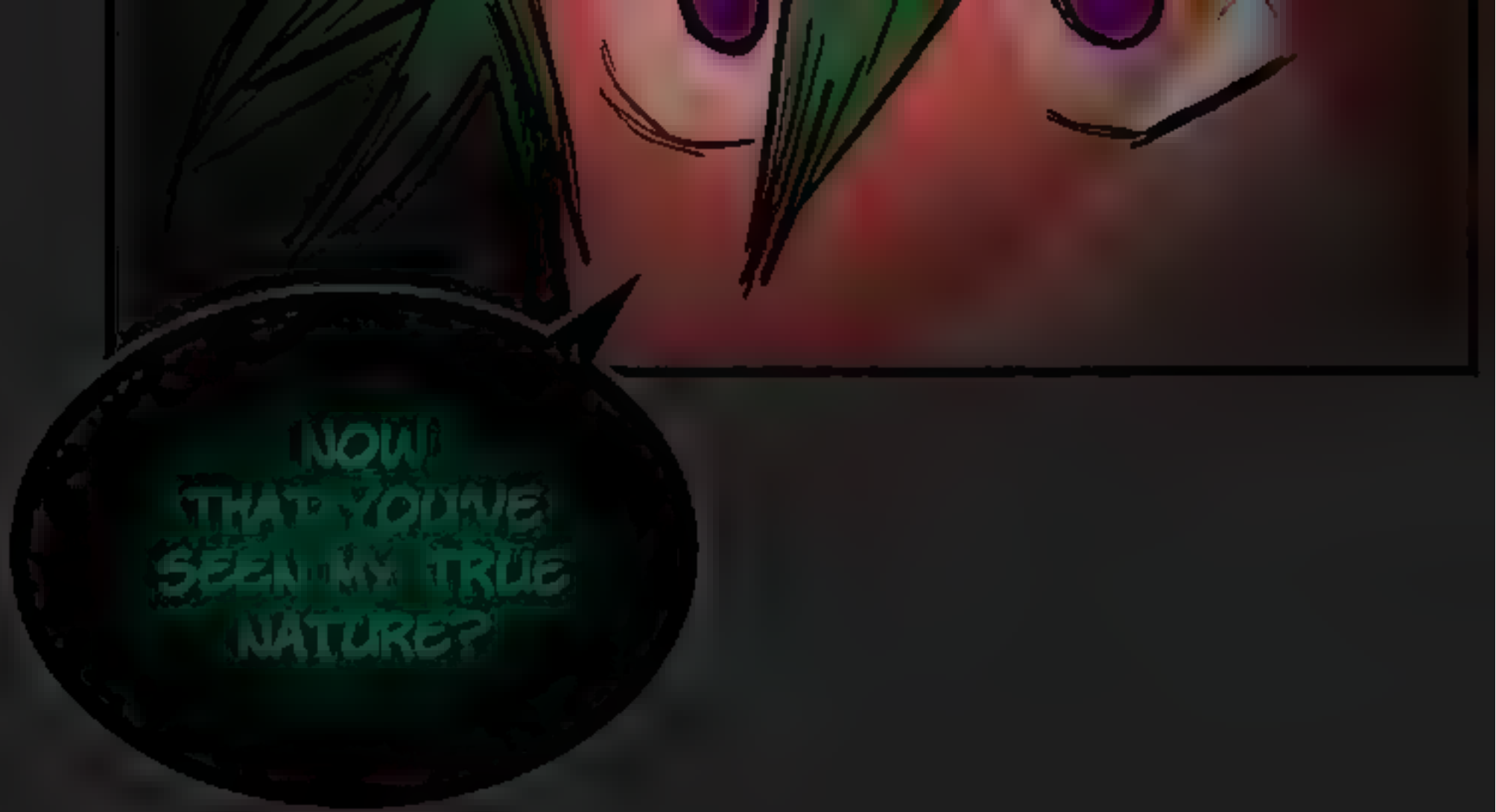


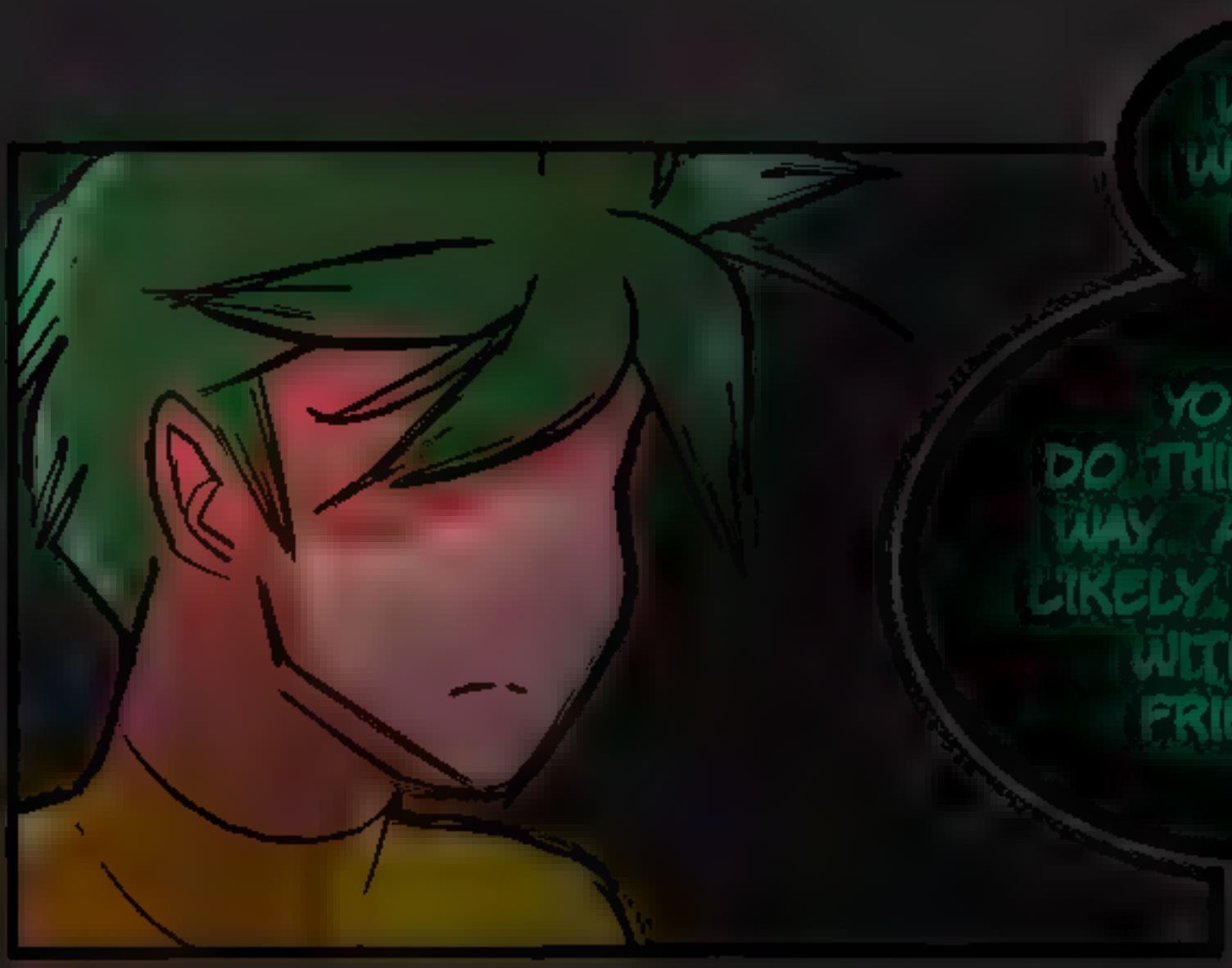
I NEVER MEANT FOR IT TO COME TO

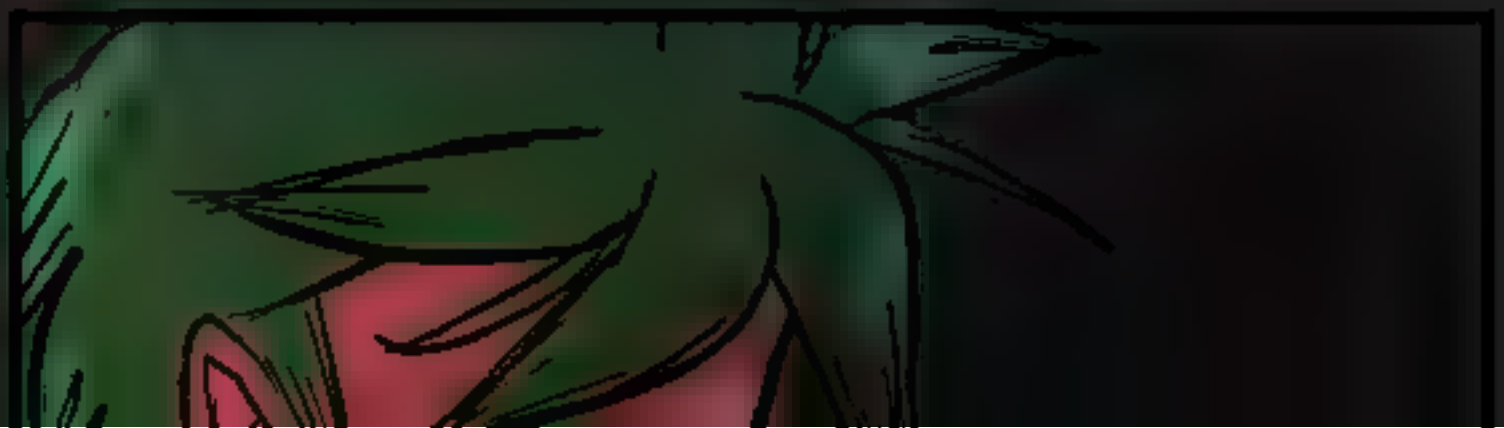
IT SEEMS
LIKE THINGS
HAVE DETERIORATED
FASTER THAN I
ANTICIPATED.


I KNOW
IT'S A LOT TO
ASK YOU TO
TRUST ME...
...BUT
I CAN HELP
YOU

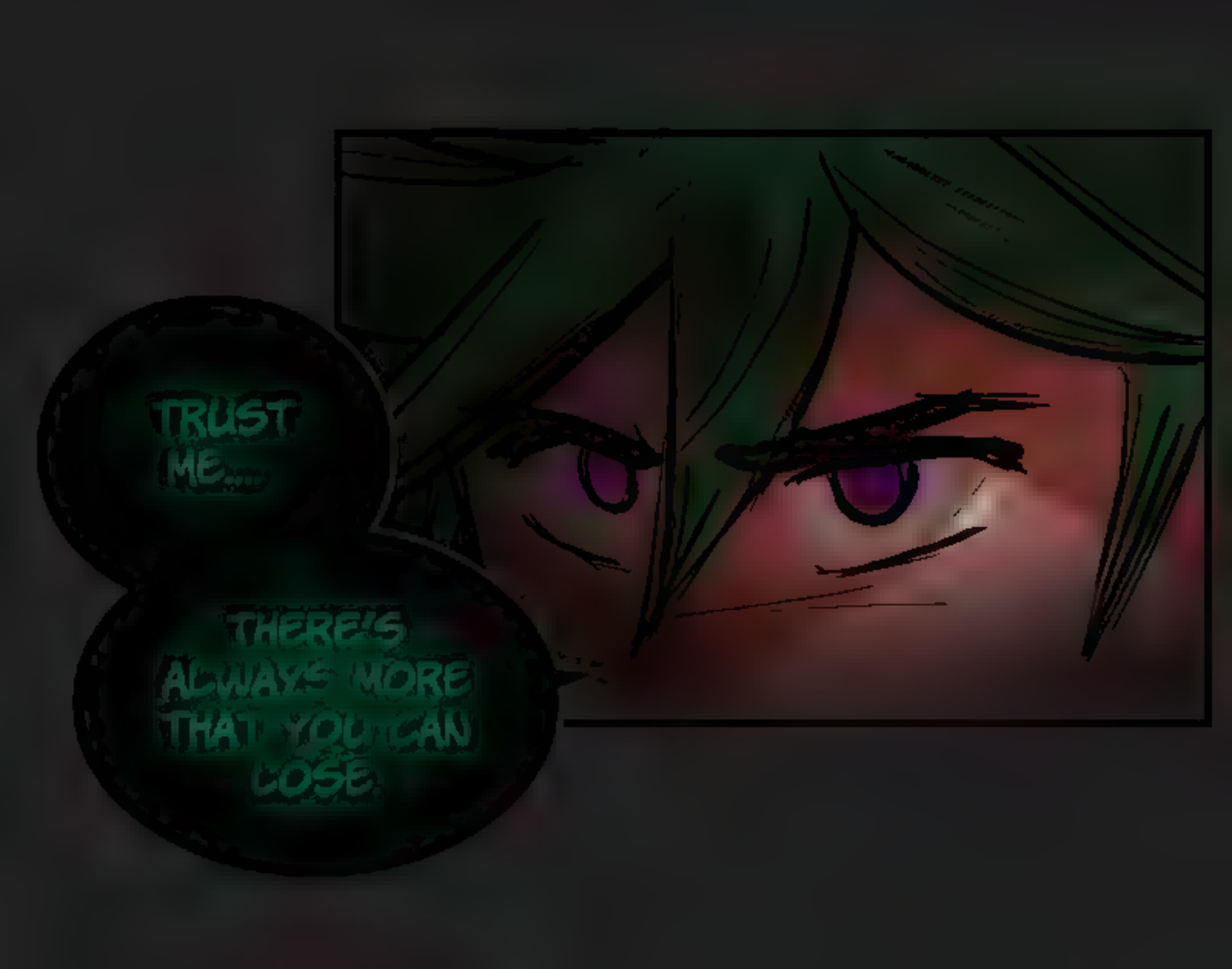
ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT MY HELP...

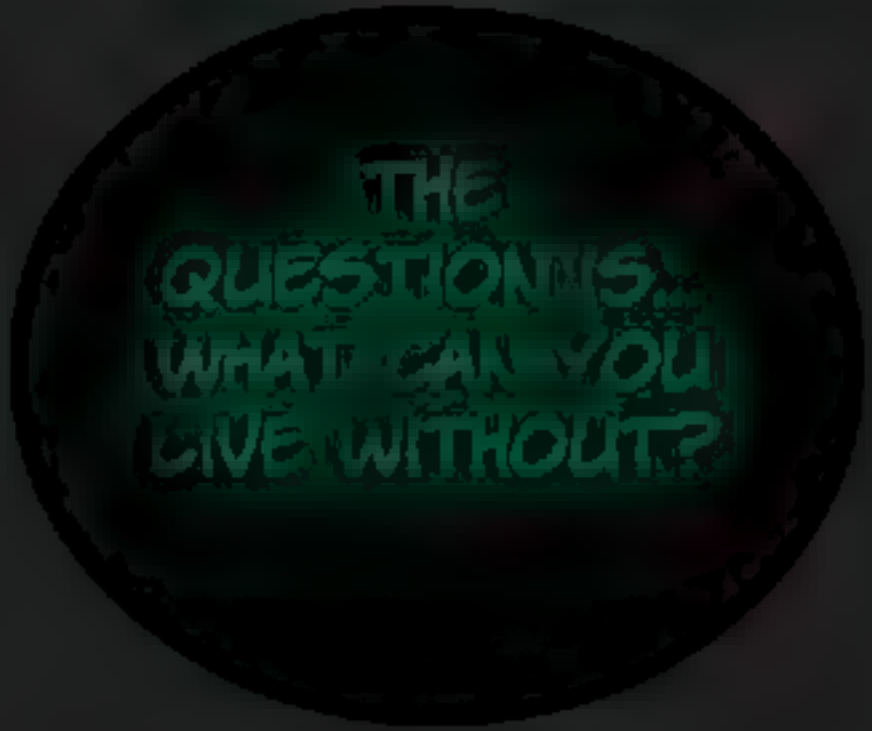

NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN MY TRUE NATURE?


WHAT WILL IT BE?
YOU CAN DO THINGS YOUR WAY... AND MOST LIKELY DIE ALONG WITH YOUR FRIENDS...
OR YOU CAN TAKE A RISK... AND PUT YOUR FAITH IN ME.



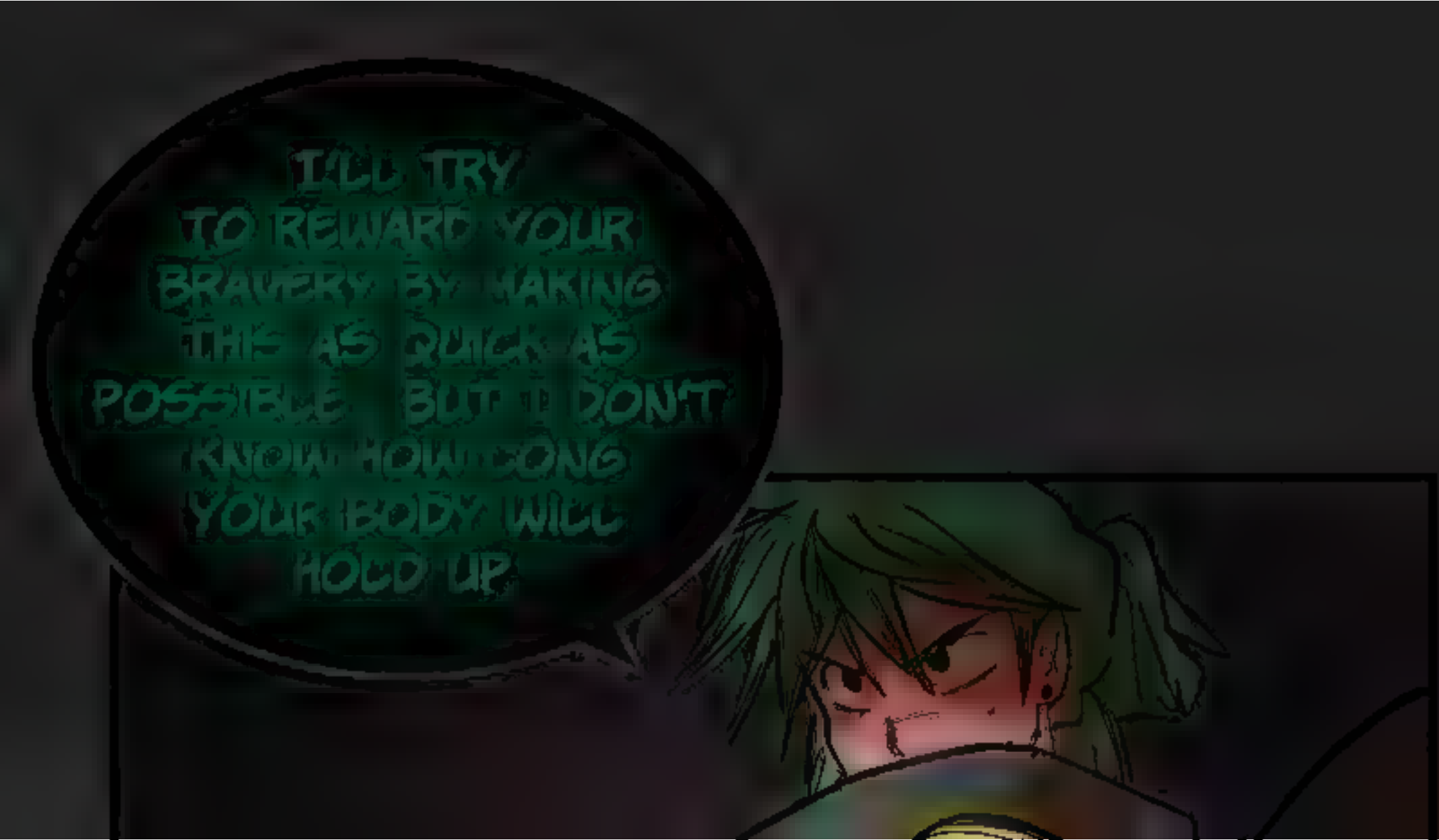
I ...
I REALLY
HAVE NOTHING
TO LOSE...


TRUST ME....
THERE'S ALWAYS MORE THAT YOU CAN LOSE

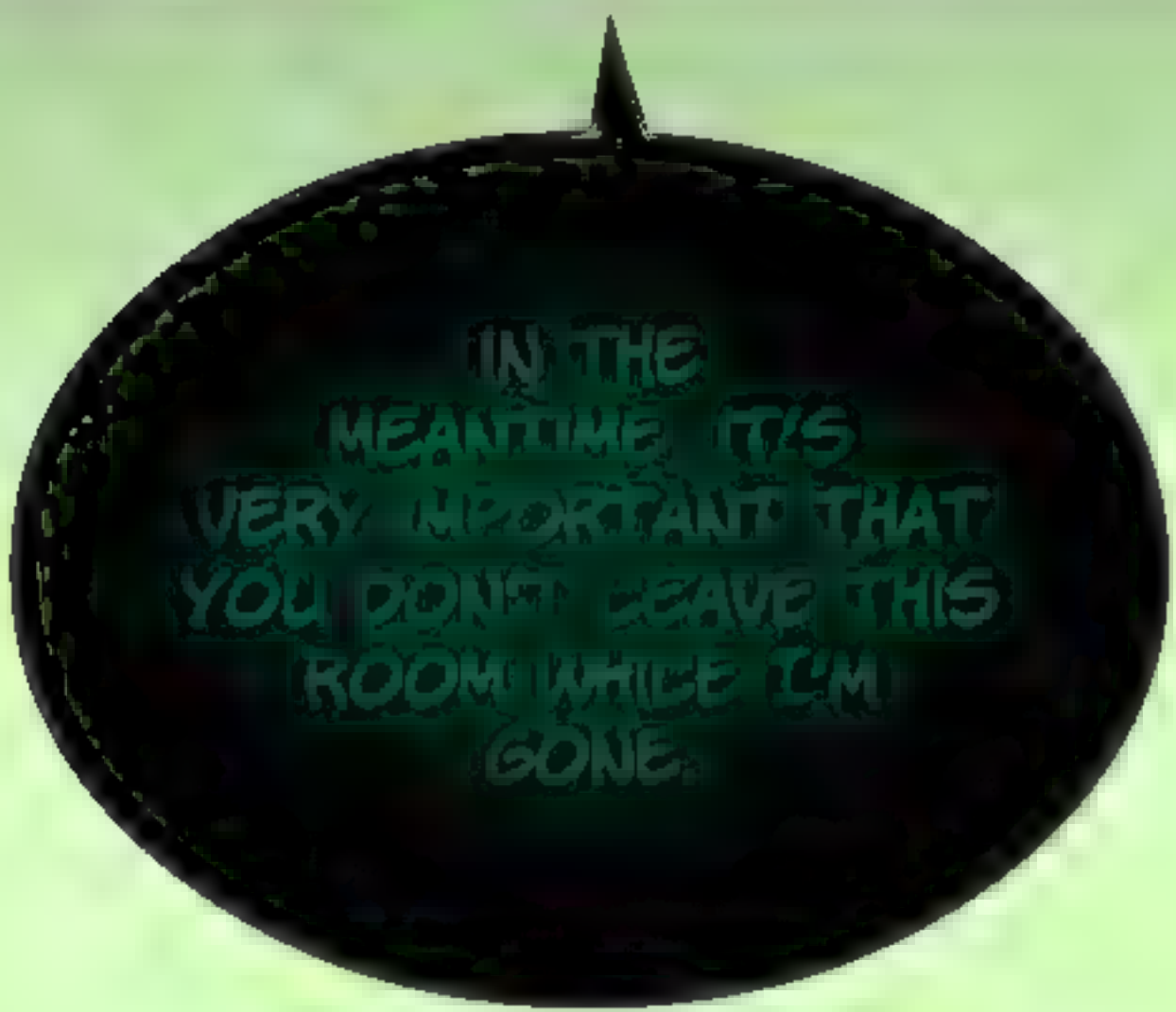

THE
QUESTION IS...
WHAT CAN YOU
LIVE WITHOUT?

I'M
WILLING TO
PAY THE PRICE...
AS LONG AS YOU
SAVE THE
OTHERS.

I PROMISED I'D DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...
TAK
TAK


I'LL TRY
TO REWARD YOUR
BRAVERY BY MAKING
THIS AS QUICK AS
POSSIBLE BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG
YOUR BODY WILL
HOLD UP

SWOOMF

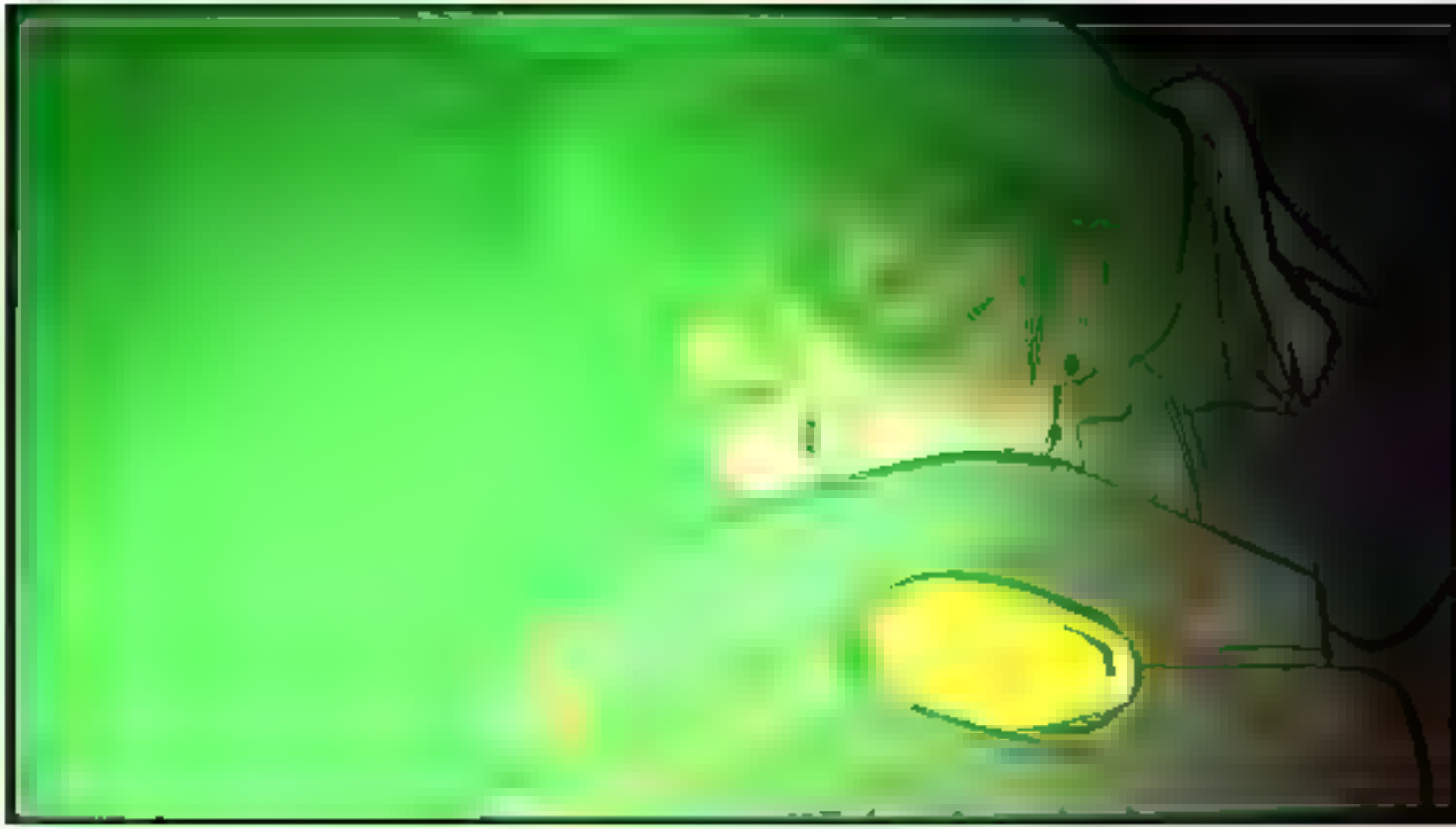

IN THE MEANTIME IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM WHILE I'M GONE.

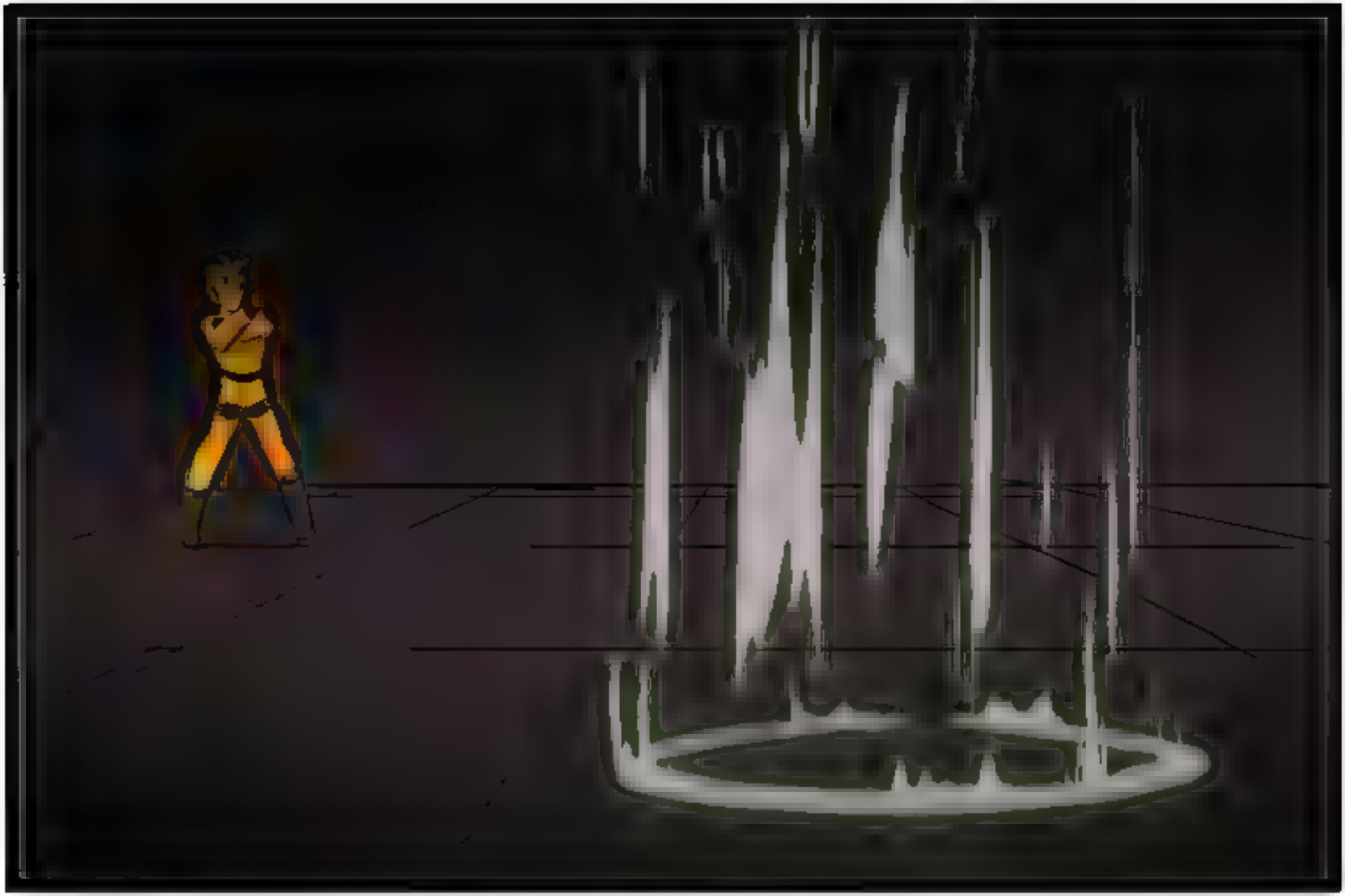
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

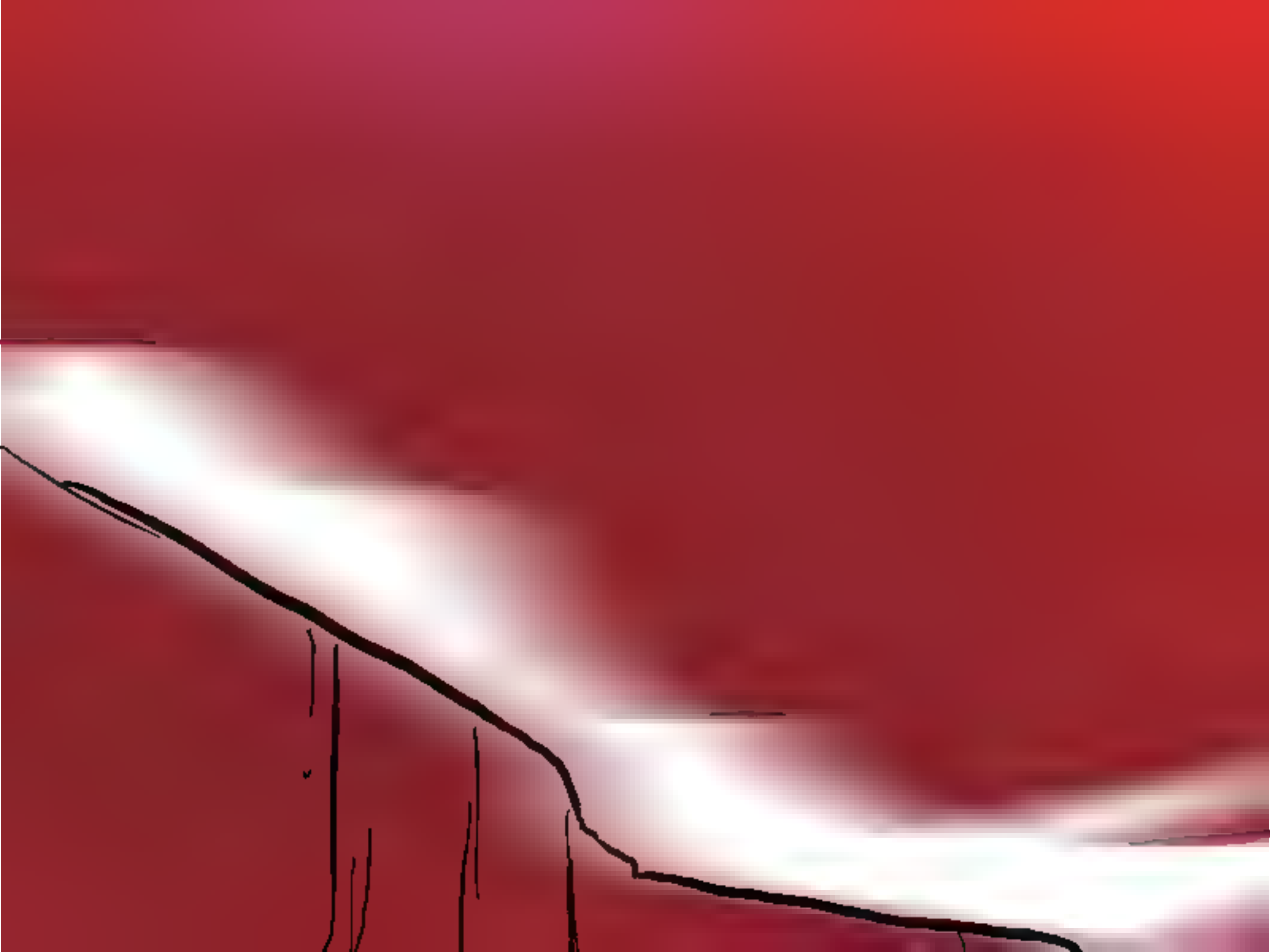
I'M TRADING PLACES WITH YOU. YOUR MIND, YOUR POWER... FOR MINE.

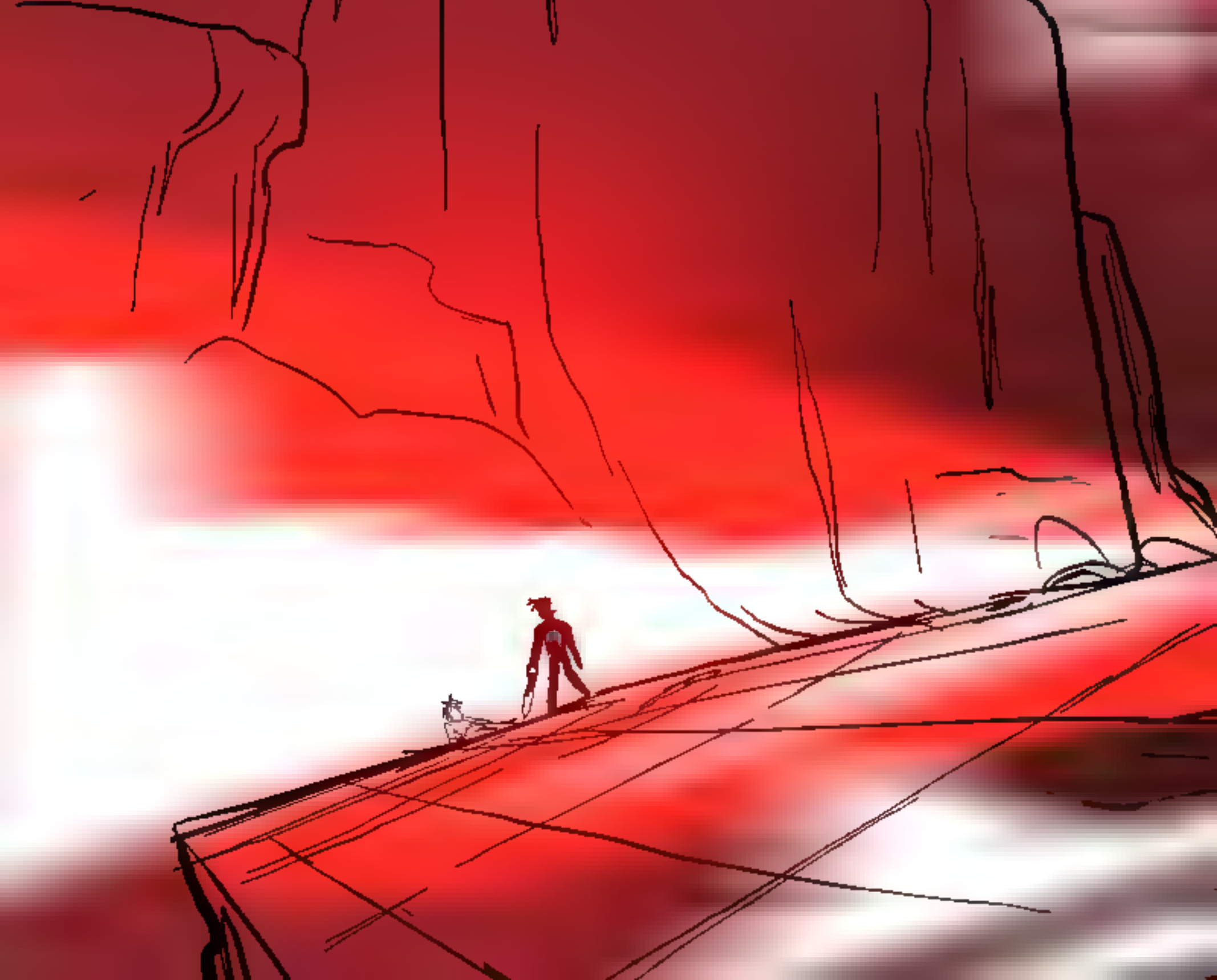
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY YOU WANT MY HELP

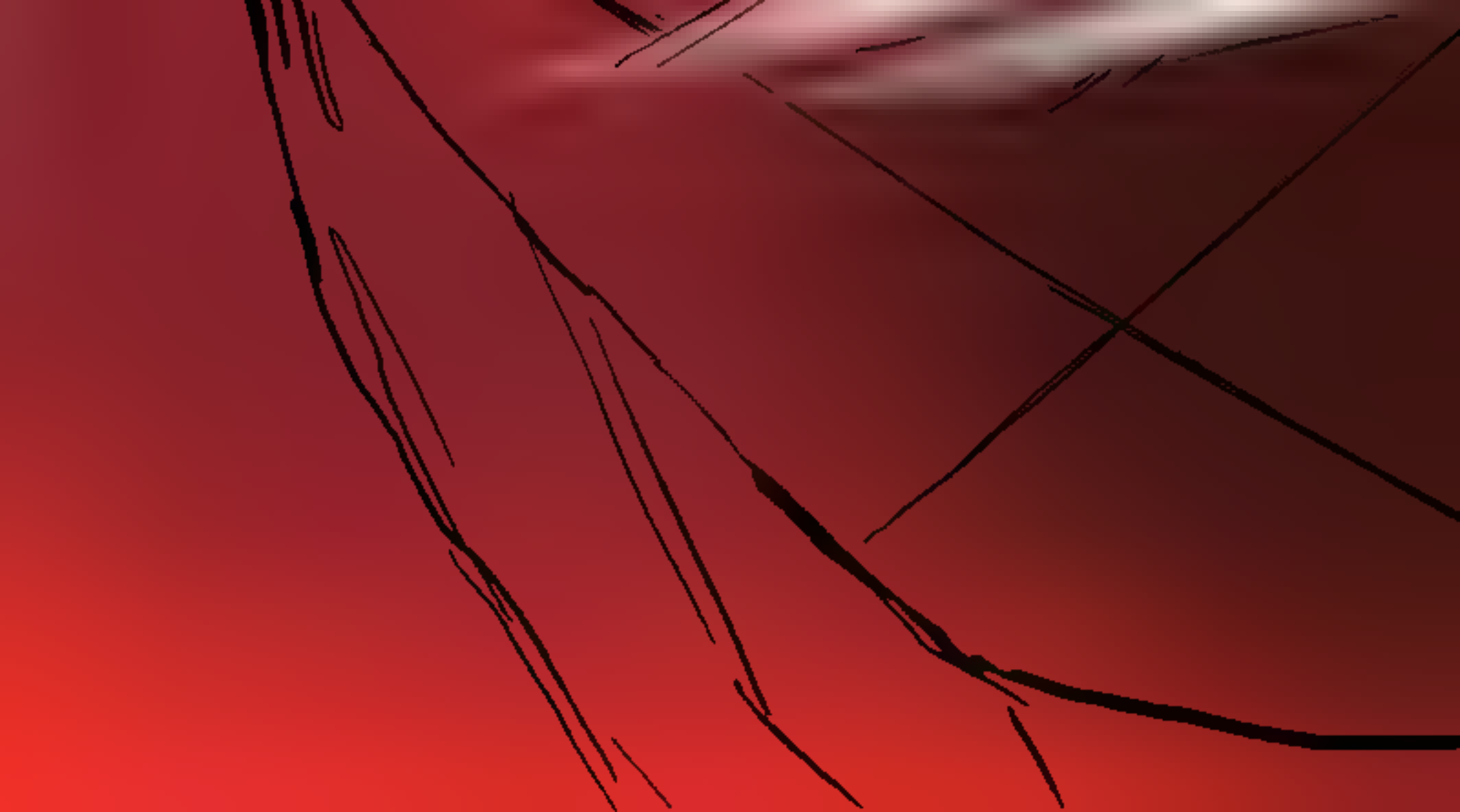
Y-YES!
I WANT YOUR
HELP!











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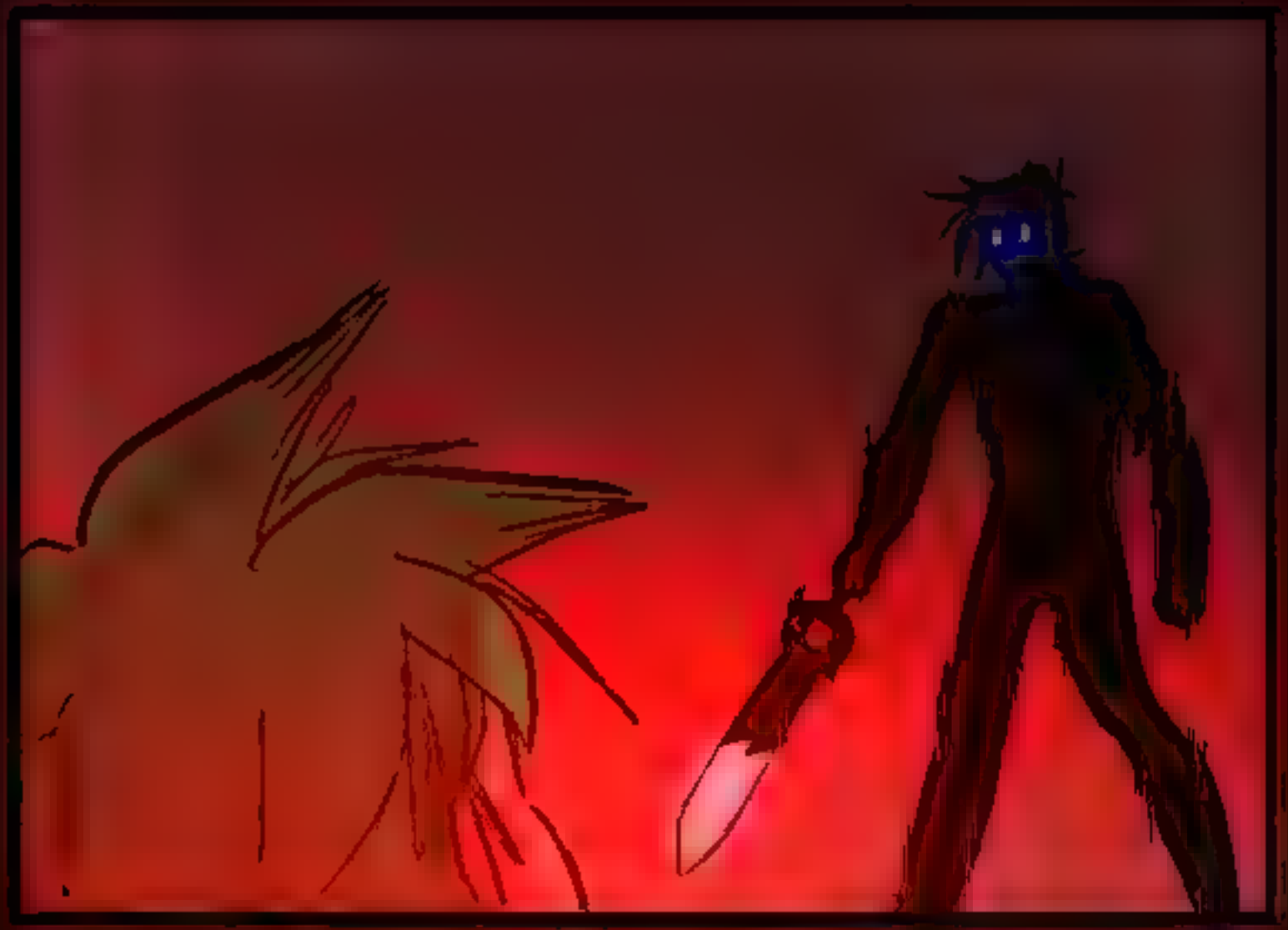

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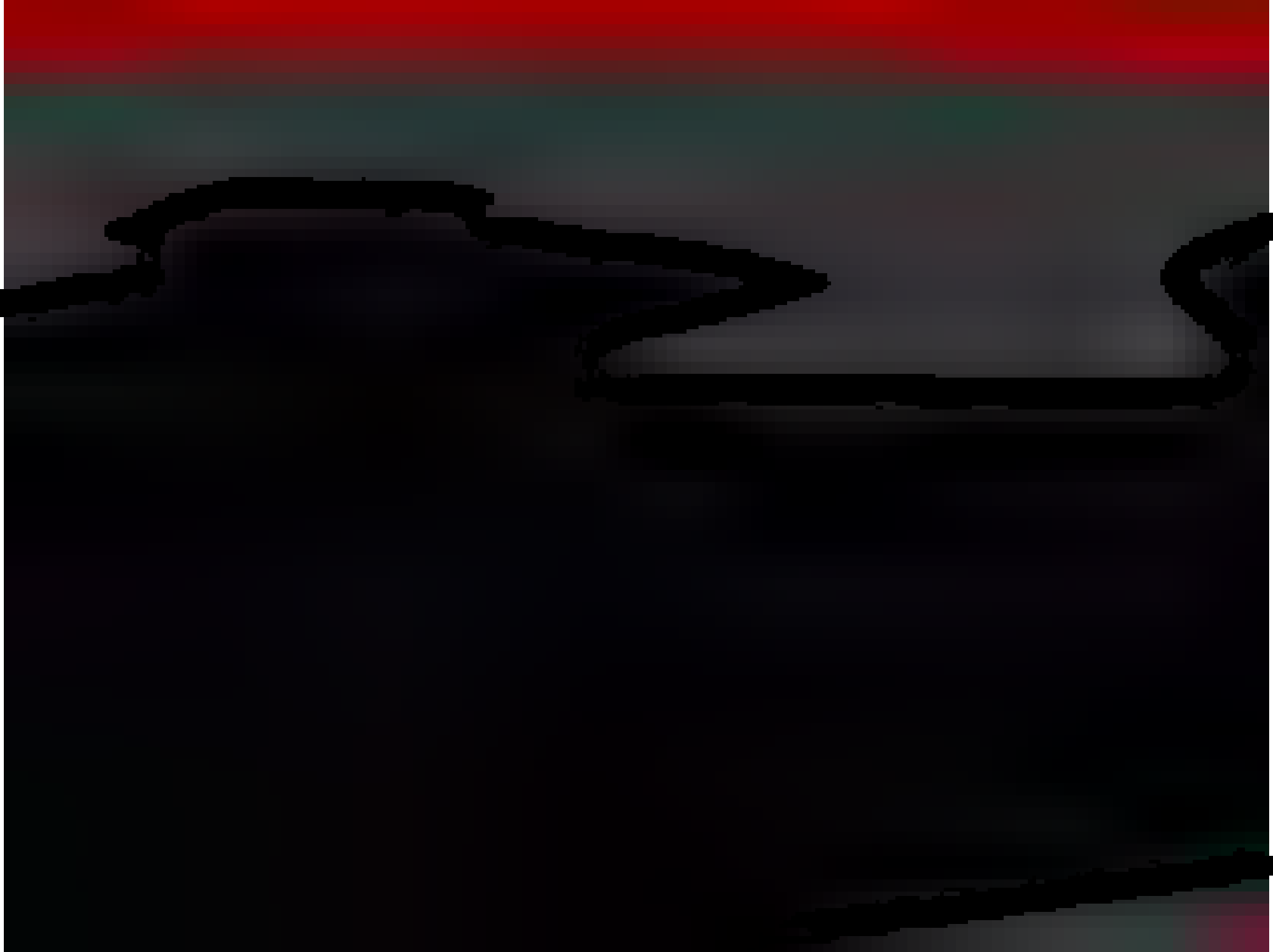

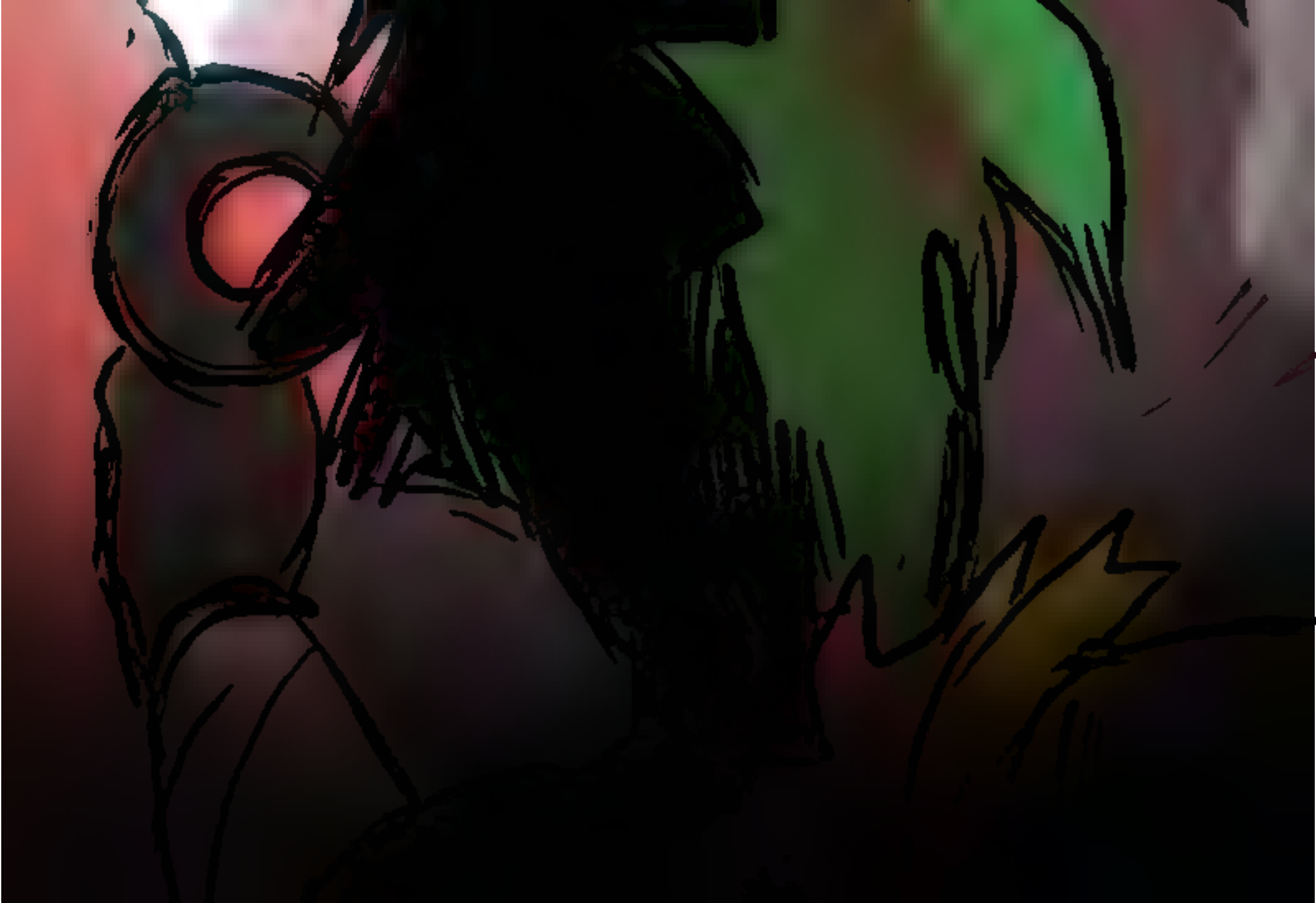

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